



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 15, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“Los Angeles County has more people living with AIDS today than ever before. HIV counseling and testing is crucial to reaching the estimated 15,000 persons that are HIV infected and to stop the spread of the County's estimated 2,000 new HIV infections which occur every year.

“Voluntary counseling, education, testing, referral and partner notification programs provide people an opportunity to learn their HIV status, receive information about behavior changes to avoid infection and transmission of HIV and referrals for prevention and medical care.

“Stigma and fear regarding HIV/AIDS lead many people that are at risk to not get tested. Counseling and Testing Days are a critical component of the County's Public Health response to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and promote the health and welfare of County residents through the increased awareness of HIV/AIDS.”

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe and on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board proclaimed June 20 through 27, 2004 as "HIV Counseling and Testing Days" throughout Los Angeles County; and urged all residents to assess their risk for HIV infection and consider taking an HIV test if appropriate.

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